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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office action of August 2, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention drawn to a method of treating an outer surface of a food product. Claims 1-16 are directed to the elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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